

As a former student at Connecticut Aero Tech it is upsetting to me that the rampant corruption and poor decision making of Governor Malloy's administration will lead to a shutdown of one of the few state run programs that actually educates and helps people become contributing members of society.

I am currently a professional pilot, but went through the CT Aero Tech A&P mechanic program to gain knowledge and skills that would help me not only be a better and more educated pilot, but also give me a distinct advantage in job competition over my peers. I made many friends while attending CT Aero Tech and everyone that studied and worked hard has become employed at various aerospace companies around the state and country. Without the education provided here, myself and my classmates would not have gotten some of the opportunities that have been presented to us because of the education and skill set we received at CT Aero Tech.

Closing CT Aero Tech would do a great disservice to the State of Connecticut and its citizens and probably force the last of the few aerospace companies that have inexplicably decided to stay in a state that is known for being anti-business to leave because their last source of skilled employees will be taken away. If Connecticut wants to have any hope of turning itself around programs like the A&P Mechanic program at CT Aero Tech should be expanded, not cut, because these programs help people acquire skills that are highly in demand and therefore make an income to provide for their families and spend money leading to a healthier economy.

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